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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9105

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FOR ARA/MGT/FM

E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJ: LEASE FOR MSG RESIDENCE

REF: TELCON MACHADO/CAO-GARCIA, AUGUST 2

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS APPROVAL TO TENDER LETTER OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO THREE-YEAR LEASE FOR MARINE SECURITY GUARD RESIDENCE AT MONTHLY RENTAL OF \$2,000. HOUSE WOULD HAVE 12 BEDROOMS AND SIX BATHS, AND WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EMBASSY SPECIFICATIONS.

2. MARINES PRESENTLY OCCUPY TWO SEPARATE PROPERTIES, WHICH CREATES PROBLEMS BOTH OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE AND A LOGISTIC NATURE, AS WELL AS POSING A DEFERRED RESPONSE TIME IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

3. THE LEASE ON HOUSE NUMBER ONE EXPIRES ON JANUARY 31, 1979. THE LESSOR HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE RENEWAL PRICE FOR THIS LEASE WILL INCREASE FROM 1,800 COLONES PER MONTH TO 3,500 COLONES (\$1,400) PER MONTH. HOUSE NUMBER TWO, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY LEASED FOR THE NCOIC, PRESENTLY COSTS 1,000 COLONES PER MONTH. THIS LEASE EXPIRES IN JANUARY 1980, AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE RENEWAL COST FOR THIS LEASE WOULD DOUBLE TO 2,000 COLONES (\$800) PER MONTH. BY 1980 THE EMBASSY  
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WOULD BE PAYING \$200 MORE PER MONTH FOR THESE TWO HOUSES THAN IT WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THE PROPOSED 12-BEDROOM HOUSE.

4. THE FORMER NCOIC, WHO WAS A BACHELOR, ORIGINALLY OCCUPIED HOUSE NUMBER TWO, REFERRED TO ABOVE. HE MOVED TO A GOVERNMENT LEASED APARTMENT TO PROVIDE MORE SPACE FOR THE EXPANDED MARINE CONTINGENT. THE NEW NCOIC HAS A FAMILY, AND WILL NEED MORE

SPACIOUS QUARTERS THAN THE TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT OCCUPIED BY HIS PREDECESSOR. THE EMBASSY PROPOSES RETAINING THIS APARTMENT FOR USE AS TRANSIENT QUARTERS FOR NEW ARRIVALS AND DEPARTING PERSONNEL. THE RENTAL PRICE FOR THIS APARTMENT IS ONLY \$200 PER MONTH, AND THE POST COULD SAVE CONSIDERABLY ON PAYMENTS NOW MADE FOR TEMPORARY LODGING AND SUPPLEMENTAL POST ALLOWANCE COSTS BY SUCH UTILIZATION OF THESE QUARTERS.

5. AS THE BUILDER'S OPTIION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE SITE PROPOSED FOR THE MARINE HOUSE WILL EXPIRE WITHIN TWO WEEKS, AN IMMEDIATE REPLY TO THIS REQUEST WILL BE APPRECIATED.  
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